

CONSUMER AND CORPORATE AFFAIRS—INFORMATION SERVICE

Question No. 2,578—**Mr. Robinson:**

1. Does the Department of Consumer and Corporate Affairs provide an information service and, if so, what was the cost for each of the years 1960-68 inclusive?

2. How many publications and/or periodicals and/or information sheets and/or public releases were provided by the Department for each of the years 1960-68 inclusive, and what was the cost for each publication for each of the years 1960-68 inclusive?

3. How many copies of each publication are provided and to whom are they distributed and how is the distribution effected?

Hon. Ron Basford (Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs): 1. Yes, the Department of Consumer and Corporate Affairs has a general information service administered by the Information and Public Relations Branch, and a specialized consumer information service administered by the Consumer Service and Information Branch. Cost: 1960 to 1966, N/A; 1967 to 1968, \$8,448; 1968 to 1969, \$148,409. Staff: The information and Public Relations Branch is composed of seven persons including one Director, one Press Relations Officer, one Editor, one secretary and three clerks. The information Division of the Consumer Service and Information Branch is composed of four persons: an information officer, a program administrator, and two secretaries.

2. 1967-1968: One pamphlet informing the public about the Department, at a cost of \$4,300; five information sheets explaining the various functions of the Department, at a cost of \$200 each; seven press releases at a cost of \$385 each.

1968-1969: Issued by the Consumer Service and Information Branch: Two Consumer Communiqués ("Box 99—A Consumer Listening Post" and "Carpet with Care") at a cost of \$1,095 and \$1,500 respectively; two information bulletins (releases on reports of the Restrictive Trade Practices Commission) at a cost of \$496 and \$416 respectively; two press releases at a cost of \$20 and \$60 respectively.

1968-1969: Issued by the Information and Public Relations Branch of the Department: Six information sheets at a cost of \$315 each; 25 press releases at a cost of approximately \$465 each. The press releases consist of speeches by the minister and officials of the

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Department and announcements of appointments and conferences, etc.

3. Numbers of copies of each publication: pamphlets, approximately 50,000; consumer communiqués, approximately 21,000; information bulletins, approximately 10,000; information sheets, approximately 1,200; press releases, approximately 2,350.

Copies of publications issued by the Consumer Service and Information Branch of the Department are distributed by mail or hand to Members of Parliament, Senators, the news media and the general public according to branch subscription list.

Copies of publications issued by the Information and Public Relations Branch of the Department are distributed in the same manner to Members of Parliament, Senators, news media, companies, trade unions, universities and the general public, including those who write for information.

MACKENZIE RIVER—CONSIDERATION OF CONSTRUCTION OF BRIDGE AT FORT PROVIDENCE

Question No. 2,580—**Mr. Mather:**

Is consideration being given to the construction of a bridge across the Mackenzie River at Fort Providence to ease the reported problem of transporting freight by ferry and the increased costs entailed in food prices?

Hon. Jean Chrétien (Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development): Yes.

HOUSING CONSTRUCTION—INDIAN RESERVES

Question No. 2,594—**Mr. Dinsdale:**

1. How many houses have been built under the new five-year housing program for Indians initiated in 1966 for each year since the inauguration of the program?

2. What has been the rate of family formations among Indians each year during this same period?

3. What programs are available or contemplated to take care of the urgent backlog need for houses?

4. How many houses have been built under these other programs each year since 1966 (a) on reserves (b) in cities (c) in rural areas off the reserves?

Hon. Jean Chrétien (Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development): 1. 1965-66, 1,302; 1966-67, 1,769; 1967-68, 2,005; 1968-69, 1,794.

2. 1965-66, 1966-67, 1967-68, 1968-69: approximately 1,250 per year.

3. Indian housing program, on reserves; Indian housing program, off reserves.